

Application No.: 09/877,645
Applicant : CABEDO-DESLIERRES et al.
Examiner : Shay L. Balsis
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Amendments to the Claims:

The Claims as presented in the amendment of September 30, 2003 need some corrections mainly to comply with the Examiner's report:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (~~Amended~~): A toothbrush comprising ~~including~~ a conventional family of bristles at one end for brushing the teeth and a double parallel cylindrical handle at the other end for grasping the toothbrush, and ~~contained therein~~ wherein internal recess chambers hold an interdental hard brush and a periodontal gum massager stimulator tip, or any other combination of periodontal tools, thus providing multiple dental tools in one assemblage, comprising,

- a. said two recess chambers that ~~can be~~ are cylindrical ~~or any other shape~~ within the handle for holding and guiding the said periodontal tools as they extend for use, and retract ~~and protecting them while the toothbrush is being used for the common brushing function for protection while not in use,~~
- b. two identical sliders that slide within said recess chambers and that have extension tubes attached to each of their two end terminations,
- c. two external buttons that travel in two slots that engage said sliders, and can be moved horizontally by finger movement,
- d. said slots in the wall of said recess chambers which control the movement of said buttons, that are keyed to said sliders, through said slots.

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Cont. of **Claims** (Marked-up Version)

- e. said slots in the wall of said recess chambers that guide said buttons movement, and define the travel length of said buttons and said sliders, and positions said buttons for initial start and final extend positions,
- f. said extension tubes that are attached to said sliders, and move them by being keyed to said buttons, and can extend out of the end of said recess chambers a distance equivalent to the length of said slots in said recess chambers,
- g. said extension tubes that can hold and retain on their end termination an interdental hard brush, a gum massager stimulator tip or other periodontal tools,
- h. said recess chambers that contain hinged close-out ~~[[caps]]~~ covers at their end terminations to inhibit and prevent contamination from entering while said periodontal tools are not in use.

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Claims 2 - 16 had been canceled on Sep. 30, 2003

Claims 17, 18 and 19 are now canceled.